

Comments from Massachusetts Health Quality Partners:

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to comment on the Registration of Provider Organizations draft 2017 Data Submission Manual (DSM).

MHQP worked with the HPC to include the following paragraph, in red below, in the Provider Roster section of the 2015 manual. The wording was the result of a careful comparison of the 2015 RPO Physician Roster File layout and the available fields in the MHQP Massachusetts Provider Database (MPD). We understand that many Provider Organizations will have already built the IT infrastructure in order to produce the provider roster. However, there may be new Provider Organizations who meet the filing requirements, and it could be helpful for them to know that their MPD roster could be the basis for their RPO filing.

If helpful, I would be very willing to speak to the appropriate HPC staff in more detail. Thank you for your consideration, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

From the 2015 DSM

Completing the Physician Roster File

The table below states that the secondary practice site, medical group, and Local Practice Group fields are not required. These fields have been marked as not required because not every physician will have a secondary site of practice, medical group, or Local Practice Group. However, if a physician does have a secondary site of practice, a medical group, or a Local Practice Group, the Provider Organization is required to complete these questions.

Many of the data elements included below are collected by Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP) from Massachusetts Carriers and Provider groups and stored in MHQP's Massachusetts Provider Database (MPD). MHQP works with Provider groups to validate the MPD every year to assure MHQP's measurement work accurately reflects Providers and organizational structures. Provider groups statewide have access to their MHQP physician data through the MHQP MPD password protected provider portal. Providers may want to use their existing MHQP physician data as a starting point to streamline the process of completing the RPO Physician Roster file. If you are interested in exploring this option, please contact MHQP at MPD@MHQP.org.

The Provider Organization will complete the Physician Roster file by completing an HPC-issued Microsoft Excel template with the relevant information and uploading the template as a file attachment in the online submission platform. The data in the Physician Roster will not be editable from within the online submission platform. If the Provider Organization needs to make an edit to the Physician Roster information, the primary reporter must make the edit within the Microsoft Excel template and upload the revised version to the online submission platform.

The HPC recognizes that the structure and organization of Provider Organizations' internal databases may not match the HPC's required format for the Physician Roster file. The HPC invites Provider Organizations that are unsure how to convert their internal databases into the required HPC format to contact program staff for assistance.